

| TO SERVE TODAY: | AM | PM |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Prayer | Keith Peevyhouse | Mark Wright |
| Song Leading | Nick Bryant | Dale Ballentine |
| Preside Lord's Supper | M Wright, D Brasher | --- |
| Scripture Reading | Noah Brasher | Monte Morris |
| Closing Prayer | David Bryant | Dylan Holt |
| NEXT WEEK: | | |
| Opening Prayer | Dale Ballentine | Freeman Mahan |
| Song Leading | Nick Bryant | Dale Ballentine |
| Preside Lord's Supper | M Wright, D Brasher | --- |
| Scripture Reading | Josh Brasher | David Bryant |
| Closing Prayer | John Henry Long | Nick Bryant |



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**            Bible Class    9:00 AM  
                             Worship        10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
                             (Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:**    Bible Study    6:30 PM  
                             (Fellowship & devo each fourth Wednesday)

## *Life is a Marathon, Not a Sprint!*

For the past two weeks, our world has been focused on the Olympics. The longest race in these contests, the marathon, is based both in name and distance of an event which occurred in 490 B.C. The New Testament world also had such events, and it often mentions them in connection with the race in which every Christian participates.

We must remember that our life is a race to receive a crown of glory. Far too many Christians see their lives as "strolling" through their years on this earth. It is not a stroll; it is a race!

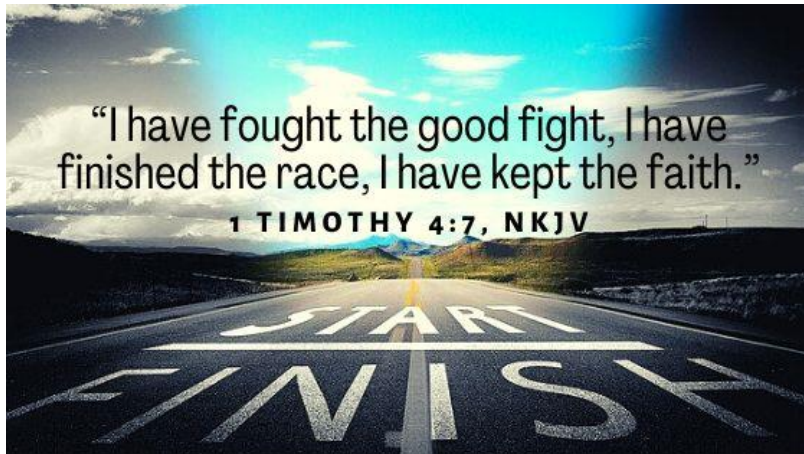
The participants in the Olympics have spent years in intense training to be able to run a race which often ends in minutes or even seconds. There is no victory without training. In ancient days, the contestants assembled and took a solemn oath before the gods that they had done no less than ten months training and that they would not resort to any trickery to win. In a similar fashion, our race involves dedicated training and keeping of rules for the race to our crown.

In ancient training, they often strapped weights to their bodies, but the day of the actual race they removed the weights and felt so much lighter during the race. Hebrews twelve says we should "...lay aside every weight...and run with endurance the race set before us." Are there weights in your life that are hindering you in your race?

There are witnesses to us as we run. Hebrews twelve speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, and this likely refers to those in the previous chapter who have by faith finished their race and are seeing us. But there are others who witness us as we run: Our friends, our mates, children and those we meet every day are watching us. As you run your race, keep in mind the impact you have on those around you who are watching. A crown awaits us – not a garland crown or blue ribbon or a gold medal, but a crown of righteousness (**2 Tim. 4:8**), a crown of glory (**1 Pet. 5:4**) and an eternal, imperishable crown of life (**1 Cor. 9:25; Rev. 2:10**).

He who has sinlessly finished His race awaits us at the finished line. Do not just stroll aimlessly through life. Keep your eyes on Him through every trial as you complete your race.

*~Dan Jenkins, via Midtown Messenger, Victoria TX (edited)*



## *We Rejoice!*

*Eli Bryant and Landon Hudgens came Tuesday evening requesting to be buried with Christ in baptism. We love these young men and are so proud of them for their decision to live for the Lord! Nick had the honor of assisting them in their obedience.*

## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Pat Ing**, Shirley's cousin, fell and broke a hip last week. She had surgery to repair it Friday at Jackson.

...Monte & Sandy; Joann Moore; Ronnie & Frances Belew; Carroll Cox; Kevin Wright; Jim McCaig (Shirley's half-brother); Kevin Clark (David Bryant's friend); daughter of Amanda Allen (Mark's coworker) who recently was involved in an accident and had surgery for a crushed neck; Kristi Martin (Rhonda's sister); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister)...

## *News and Notes . . .*

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. We ask that you complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted.
- **Thank you to all who supported our GOSPEL MEETING** last week with your presence, prayers, encouragement, and food for the fellowship meals. **It was a great week!**
- **Devo this Wednesday evening:** Nick
- There is a **sign-up sheet** on the foyer board for those who are willing to **take meals to Monte and Sandy.**